Migration of Indians

†3100. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been continuous migration of Indians for the country during recent years;

(b) if so, the details of the same for the last two years;

(c) the reasons for such migration; and

(d) the effective steps being taken by Government to check constant migration of Indians?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) Exact data on migration of Indians is not available. However, as per Bureau of Immigration's records 71,54,501 and 82,02,859 Indians departed the country during the year 2005 and 2006 respectively (excluding Immigration Check Posts at Hyderabad during December, 2006, Ahmedabad during September-December, 2006 and Sutarkandi during October, 2006). This includes all Indians visiting abroad as students, tourists, businessmen, etc.

(c) and (d) People travel abroad for a variety of reasons which include studies, employment, tourism, business, etc.

NRI investment proposals for Kerala

3101. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved any NRI investment proposals for Kerala in the last three year, year-wise; and

(b) if so, the status of each proposal?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) The nodal Ministry dealing with approval of investment in India, including by non-resident Indians, is the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion. Implementation of such investment proposals approved is monitored by the State Government concerned. The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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